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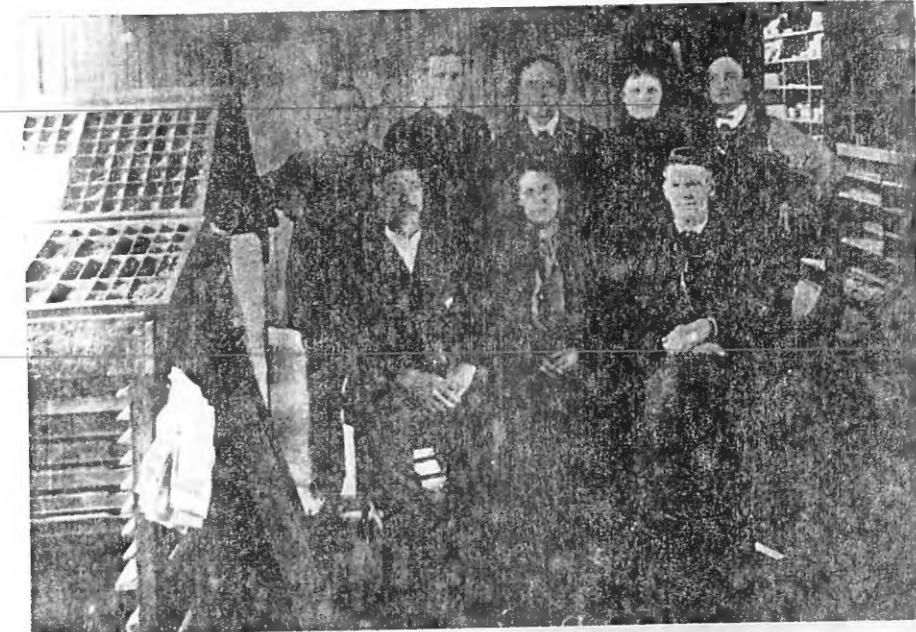
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The family of Daniel McMillan were converts to the LDS Church, and Ephraim was ordained a Deacon by Elder George Q. Cannon. At the age of 18 he came to America on a ship called "John Brigat." He worked his way over as a sailor and became a lover of water and an expert swimmer. The voyage took seven months, because of trade winds.

They traveled by train and sailed across the Missouri River. Leaving Nebraska, he drove six yolk of oxen, trailing another wagon behind. The oxen were not tame and had to be tied to get their yokes on.

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They had to be herded, and Ephraim and the men in the company were on the watch for Indians, with guns drawn all the time. He was lost from the others in a blizzard and was unconscious and nearly frozen to death when found.

On the latter half of the journey they were short of feed for the oxen, because of heavy snow and severe weather, many of the animals dying. The company was met by fresh oxen and food from Salt Lake City.

Ephraim was unable to work for a year because of frost-bite he received on the trail, but later he worked on the railroad and was a member of the Utah militia. In this work he had unusual experiences. Once while employed with the Deseret News printing office he met his future wife, Mary Day. They were married in the Endowment House on May 1, 1868. They moved to Heber, later to Daniels Creek, where he farmed, logged and trapped.

To them were born the following 10 children: William, Ephraim, Robert, Nettie, Phoebe, Harriet, Mary Emma and Olive (twins).

When William Buys established the Wasatch Wave, a weekly newspaper in Heber City, Mr. McMillan was employed to assemble the machinery together. Later the family moved to Arizona, but returned to Heber after a few years, and he was employed as a printer for Mr. Buys for many years.

He died August 3, 1925, in Talmage, Utah, where he was living with some members of his family.

His wife, Mary Day, was born in Bokham, Ruthlandshire, England, on August 7, 1849. Mary worked with her father, who was a tailor on men's suits and shirts, and she became an expert seamstress, taking such fine stitches by hand on men's shirts that they looked like machine made.

She joined the LDS Church in England at the age of 16 and came to Utah, leaving all her relatives behind. They had planned to come later when they could finance the trip to America. She sailed on the "Mayflower" with missionaries returning home. They crossed the plains with ox teams, arriving in Salt Lake City without friends or relatives. A Mrs. Newman took her to work in her home and nurse her four children. She also lived with Mrs. Stenhouse until she married Ephraim McMillan.

She died on December 30, 1930, in Heber, and is buried in Heber City Cemetery.



This is the history of Joseph A. Murdoch and Martha Ellen Fortie Murdoch, early residents of Heber, Utah. Joseph A. was born on March 11, 1870, in Heber, to John Murray and Ann Steele Murdoch, the thirteenth child. Martha was born to Alexander and Rachel

and Rachel Howarth Fortie on January 19, 1871, in Heber City. She was the second of three children.

They were reared in Heber. Martha was tall, with black eyes and black hair. She attended school until about the fourth grade. Her mother was widowed early and Martha began working at an early age to help support the family. In her youth she was a good horse rider and dancer. She remained

a beautiful woman all her life, and had long black hair, with very little gray in it at the time of her death. Joseph A. was blond, with blue eyes, not too large in stature. He attended all the schools in Heber at this time and on May 24, 1894, in the Logan Temple, he and Martha were married. This couple lived in Heber and became the parents of twelve children.

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home was busy with so many children, but always open to friends for visits and practices. Martha was a good cook and housekeeper and spent most of her time in the home. The children were taught right from wrong and the standards of the LDS Church. Joseph A. became very active in the community. He worked for the Wasatch Wave, publishers, as a typesetter. He

was called on a short-term mission for the Church to Salt Lake as a Temple Square guide from 1904 to 1905. He also studied music at the Evan Stephens School of Music. He attended the University of Deseret and Brigham Young Academy, as well as the Wasatch Stake Academy in Heber. Mr. Murdoch became a music teacher in Heber Valley, traveling from school to school by horse and buggy. Many students were taught music by note for the first time. He started a successful stake choir in 1900, as well as leading the old Second Ward choir. He played the baritone horn in the Heber brass band. From 1906 to 1916, Joseph A. was the Heber City recorder. He was an excellent penman and took much pride in his writing.

In 1920, after having suffered through the flu epidemic, which took their oldest daughter Lecia's life, they moved to Vineyard, Utah, to a farm. This home was one mile south of the big Geneva Steel Plant. Here they reared most of their younger children. They were active in both the Church and community. This couple were kind people, and at the age of 72 and 73,

respectively, they died within five weeks of each other, being buried in Heber City Cemetery.

Children: Lecia, Dona, Murray, Orpha May, Martha Blanch, Joseph Harold, Vida, Mary Gladys, Eiro, Gauthier Fortie, Phyllis Rachel and Joan.

*Joseph A. Murdoch*

*Helped at  
"Wave" office*

*He also taught  
Music in all schools  
Traveling by horse  
& buggy.*